Modernisation of Power Plants

1611. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have provided concessional credit for renovation and modernisation of existing power plants to the State of Gujarat during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) how many power plants arc presently being renovated and modernised in the State; and

(d) the details and progress in this regard, plant-wise?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government has provided interest subsidy of 4% on R&M projects on disbursement through Power Finance Corporation (PFC) for the year 1997-98 under Accelerated Generation and Sup- * ply Programme. Under these programme financial assistance has been provided to Gujarat Electricity Board for the R&M of Ukai & Dhuvrah TPSs.

(c) and (d) 4 thermal power plains in Gujarat arc covered in R&M phase II (for 8th Plan) and phase II revised (for 9th Plan).

The details arc as under:—

S.No.	Name of the Thermal power Station	Sanctioned List. Cost Phasc-ll (Rs. Lakhs)	Physical Progress Up to 31.3.98 %	Financial Pro- gress As on 31.3.98 %
1.	Gandhinagar TPS (2X120MW +2x210MW)	346.00	44%	32%
2.	Wanakbori TPS (6X210MW)	1544.00	86%	71%
3.	Dhuvran TPS (4X63.5MW +2X140MW) (Oil fired)	2724.00	71%	51%
4.	Ukai TPS (2X120MW +2X200MW+1X210MW)	3090.00	47%	75%

Power Supply in Gujarat

1612. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have prepared any action plan for improving Inequality, reliability and cost effectiveness of power supply in Gujarat; and;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) Supply and distribution of electricity in a State is primarily the responsibility of concerned State Government. Government of India has not received any specific action plan from Gujarat for improving the quality, reliability and cost effectiveness of power supply in the -State. However, in order to improve the voltage profile in the Gujarat System, the Central Electricity Authority has recommended installation of 1500 MVAR shunt capacitors. A number of 400 KV and 220 KV transmission lines arc under construction by Gujarat Electricity Board which will improve the power supply in Gujarat.

Further, to increase the reliability of power supply in Gujarat CEA has approved the loop in-loop out of POWER-GRID's Gandhar-Padghc 400 KV S/C line (commissioned on 1.3.1998) at the new 400/220 KV sub-station to be established at Vapi.